THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some State Government had sought extension for watershed projects of V Batch sanctioned in 1999-2000 under DPAP Programme. The Ministry of Rural Development has considered the same and extended the project period for one year *i.e.* upto 31.03.2006. The projects sanctioned in subsequent batches are ongoing projects and within the project period of 5 years.

Implementation of Bharat Nirman Scheme

† 316. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the most ambitious, scheme of "Bharat Nirman" of the Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Rural Development is not able to implement this scheme for want of funds;

(c) whether it is a fact that poor are being misled by the name of this scheme by placing old schemes as Bharat Nirman; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The formulation of "Bharat Nirman' which was announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech in the Union Budget 2005-06, is being guided by the Committee on Rural infrastructure. The physical targets sought to be achieved are as follows:

Irrigation	To create one crore ha. additional irrigation.
Rural drinking water	To provide potable drinking to 55067 uncovered habitations (as pre revised assessment). slipped back habitations, quality affected habitations and rural schools.
Rural roads	To connect all villages that have a population of 1000 (or 500 in hilly tribal areas) with road.

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Rural Housing	To construct 60 lakh additional houses for the poor.
Rural electrification	To reach electricity to remaining 1,25,000 villages and offer electricity connection to 2.3 Cr. households.
Rural telephone Connectivity:	To give telephone connectivity to remaining 66822 villages.

(b) The additional fund requirements will be met through an appropriate mix of budgetary support, external aid, market borrowing and beneficiary contribution (in some cases).

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Bharat Nirman is a combination of on-going schemes, up scaling of on-going schemes and introduction of new schemes with a view to give focused attention to development of rural infrastructure to achieve the intended goals.

Sanitation facilities in villages of U.P.

† 317. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages developed in Uttar Pradesh under Rural Sanitation Programme sponsored by the Centre;

(b) the amount earmarked for this purpose during the previous year;

(c) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent specific projects to Central Government under the said programme for approval and release of funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) any expected time limit fixed for consideration for sanctioning the project by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (e) Under Central Rural Sanitation Programme, Government of India (GoI) sanctions Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects for achieving full sanitation coverage in all villages of the district. Government of India does not sanction village level projects.

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